

Appendix A

Contact Information and Web Links for FWP, Montana Natural Heritage Program, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Headquarters: 1420 East 6th Avenue, Helena, MT 59620, (406) 444-2535

Home Page: <http://fwp.mt.gov/>

Crucial Areas Planning System (CAPS)

<http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/conservationInAction/crucialAreas.html>

CAPS is a Web-based mapping tool intended to provide useful information during the early planning stages of development projects, conservation opportunities, and environmental reviews.

CAPS offers data on:

- Aquatic species and habitats
- Terrestrial species and habitats
- Development and infrastructure (energy and housing)
- Designated lands
- Land cover
- Examples of FWP recommendations for energy, transportation, and residential development planning in different types of habitat
- Local FWP biologist contact information

CAPS is not a substitute for a site-specific evaluation of fish, wildlife, and recreational resources. There is still no substitute for consulting with local FWP biologists to gain a better understanding of conditions and management challenges in a particular area of the state—but CAPS will help you start smart.

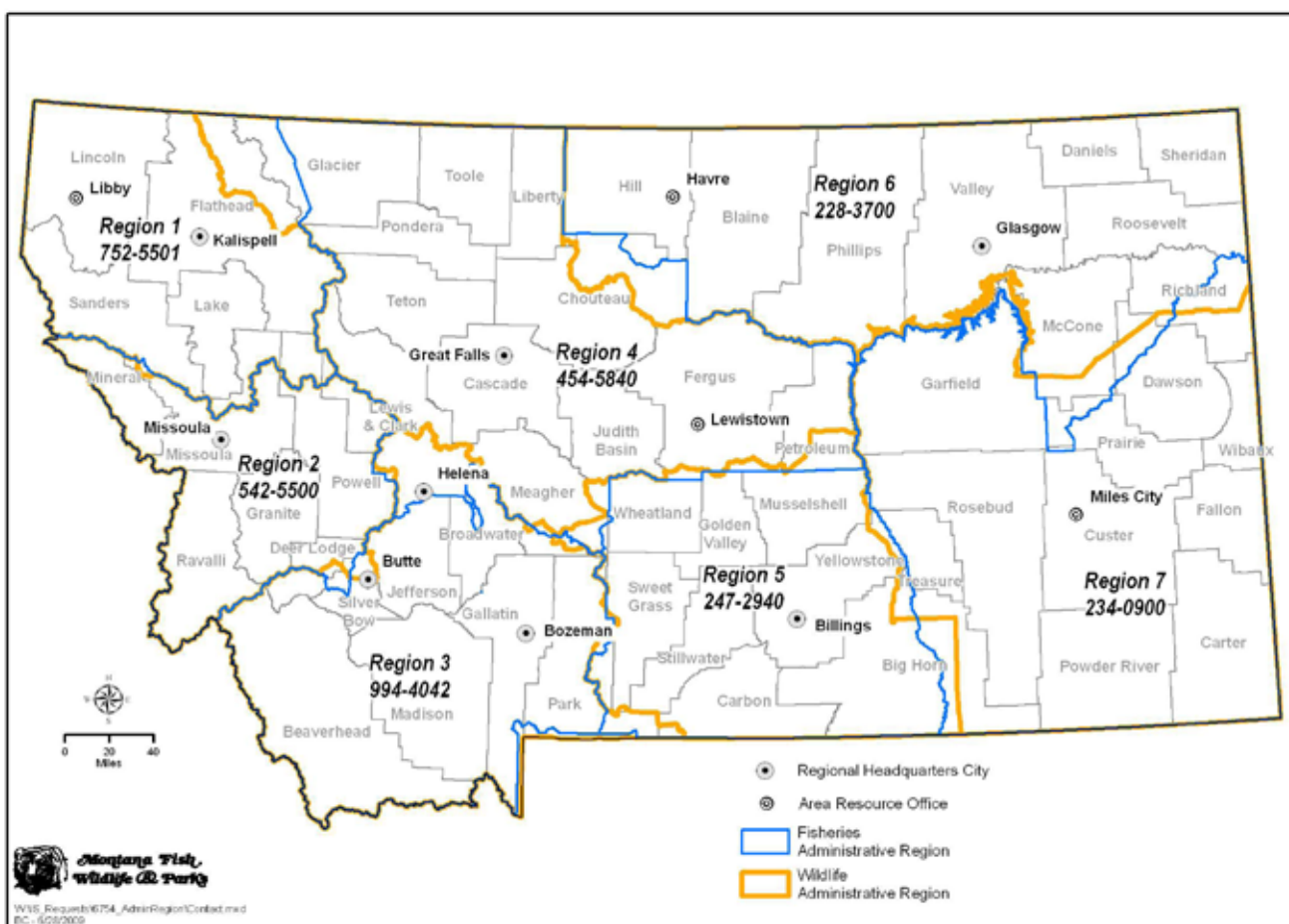
GIS Data

<http://fwp.mt.gov/doingBusiness/reference/gisData/dataDownload.html>

GIS data layers include:

- Administrative boundaries (e.g., hunting districts)
- Lands owned and managed by FWP (e.g., wildlife management areas, fishing access sites, state parks)
- Fish distribution and habitat
- Wildlife distribution and habitat

FWP Regional Office Telephone Numbers and Addresses



Region 1: 490 North Meridian Road, Kalispell, MT 59901

Region 2: 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula, MT 59804

Region 3: 1400 South 19th Avenue, Bozeman, MT 59718

Region 4: 4600 Giant Springs Road, Great Falls, MT 59405

- Region 5:** 2300 Lake Elmo Drive, Billings, MT 59105
Region 6: 54078 U.S. Highway 2 West, Glasgow, MT 59230
Region 7: 352 I-94 Business Loop, P.O. Box 1630, Miles City, MT 59301

Montana Natural Heritage Program

Headquarters: 1515 East 6th Avenue, Helena, MT 59620, (406) 444-5354

Home Page: <http://mtnhp.org/>

Montana Field Guides

<http://fieldguide.mt.gov/>

The *Montana Animal Field Guide* provides information on identification, habitat, ecology, reproduction, range, and distribution of Montana's animals. The guide is a collaborative effort between the Montana Natural Heritage Program and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

The *Ecological Systems Field Guide* for Montana includes a general description or summary of the systems found in Montana (e.g., forest and woodland, grassland, wetland and riparian systems), diagnostic characteristics, similar systems, spatial pattern, environment, general vegetation, specific plant alliances and associations, dynamic processes, management and restoration considerations, and associated animal species.

Natural Heritage Tracker Mapping Tool

<http://mtnhp.org/Tracker/>

The Natural Heritage Tracker Mapping Tool provides observation information for animal and plant species. Tracker displays documented occurrences of Montana's animals and plants in grid cells representing ¼ of a degree of latitude by ¼ degree of longitude (an area equivalent to that covered by four 1:24,000-scale topographic maps). Registered users can also add observations using the Tracker. A variety of different base maps and reference layers are available on the mapping service.

Natural Heritage Map Viewer

<http://mtnhp.org/mapviewer/>

This tool is an interactive Web mapping service that allows users to view, identify, and/or generate a summary report of land cover types, geo-referenced photos, and different categories of land management. Animal and plant species observations and range maps are also available.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Offices

- Montana Ecological Services Field Office in Helena: 585 Shepard Way, Helena, MT 59601, (406) 449-5225, <http://www.fws.gov/montanafieldoffice/>
- Kalispell Ecological Services Sub-Office: 780 Creston Hatchery Road, Kalispell, MT 59901, (406) 758-6868

Montana Website: <http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/es/Montana/index.htm>